

**What is claimed is:**

1. A sign stand assembly comprising:
  - a sign panel;
  - a support base;
  - 5 an upright mast joining the sign panel and support base;
  - said support base including a plate portion defining a locking recess;
  - a plurality of legs, at least one leg having a wall defining a hollow
  - interior of the leg;
  - pivotal connections pivotally connecting the legs to the plate portions;
  - 10 a locking pin carried on said at least one leg, for movement toward and
  - away from the locking recess defined by said at least one leg; and
  - an actuator having a first end portion within said at least one leg for
  - engaging said locking pin, an opposed second end portion with an outwardly
  - protruding tab at least partially overlying said plate portion and a medial portion
  - 15 extending through said wall and cooperating with said wall and said locking pin to
  - maintain said actuator captively engaged with said leg.
2. The sign stand assembly of claim 1 wherein said locking pin
- extends through said at least one leg.
3. The sign stand assembly according to claim 1 wherein said actuator
- 20 first end portion, second end portion and medial portion include generally flat plate
- bodies, with said medial portion joined by curved parts to said first and said second
- end portions.
4. The sign stand assembly of claim 1 wherein said locking pin has a
- generally cylindrical body with a second end portion of predetermined size remote
- 25 from said plate portion and an opposed first end portion of reduced size adjacent said
- plate portion, with a stepped shoulder between said first and said second end portions.

5        5. The sign stand assembly according to claim 4 wherein the second end portion defines a spring-receiving recess and said sign stand assembly further comprises a flat spring with a first end having a clevis portion at least partly slidably received in said spring-receiving recess, said spring urging said tab away from said wall of said at least one leg.

6. The sign stand assembly according to claim 5 wherein the flat spring includes a second end having a clevis portion engaging the pivotal connection of said at least one leg.

10       7. The sign stand assembly according to claim 1 wherein said tab extends toward the pivotal connection of said at least one leg.

15       8. The sign stand assembly according to claim 4 wherein said first end portion of said actuator includes a clevis portion receiving at least a part of the first end portion of said locking pin and dimensioned for interfering contact with the stepped shoulder of said locking pin to transfer an actuating force to said locking pin to move said locking pin away from said locking recess.

9. The sign stand assembly according to claim 6 wherein the pivotal connection of said at least one leg comprises a bolt fastener extending through said plate portion and said at least one leg.

20       10. A sign stand assembly comprising:  
a support base defining a locking recess, the support base providing support for the sign stand assembly;  
a leg comprising a hollow rigid tube;  
a pivotal connection member having an elongated body pivotally attaching said leg to said support base;  
25       a locking pin extending through said tube for movement toward and away from the locking recess;

an actuator having a first end portion within said at least one leg for engaging said locking pin, an opposed second end portion with an outwardly protruding tab at least partially overlying said plate portion and a medial portion extending through said wall and cooperating with said wall and said locking pin to maintain said actuator captively engaged with said leg, said actuator first end portion defining an opening for receiving said locking pin in interlocking engagement therewith;

said tab engageable to move said actuator away from the locking recess; and  
a spring member within said tube engaging said locking pin to urge the locking pin toward the locking recess.

11. The sign stand assembly according to claim 10 wherein said locking pin has a generally cylindrical body with a second end portion of predetermined size remote from said plate portion and an opposed first end portion of reduced size adjacent said plate portion, with a stepped shoulder between said first and said second end portions.

12. The sign stand assembly according to claim 11 wherein said first end portion of said actuator includes a clevis portion receiving at least a part of the first end portion of said locking pin and dimensioned for interfering contact with the stepped shoulder of said locking pin to transfer an actuating force to said locking pin to move said locking pin away from said locking recess.

13. The sign stand assembly according to claim 10 wherein the pivotal connection of said leg comprises a bolt fastener extending through said plate portion and said leg.

14. The sign stand assembly according to claim 10 wherein said tab extends toward the pivotal connection of said at least one leg.

15. The sign stand assembly of claim 1 wherein said locking pin has a generally cylindrical body with a second end portion of predetermined size remote from said plate portion and an opposed first end portion of reduced size adjacent said plate portion, with a stepped shoulder between said first and said second end portions, 5 the second end portion defining a spring-receiving recess and said sign stand assembly further comprises a flat spring with a first end having a clevis portion at least partly slidably received in said spring-receiving recess, said spring urging said tab away from said wall of said at least one leg.

16. The sign stand assembly according to claim 15 wherein the flat 10 spring includes a second end having a clevis portion engaging the pivotal connection of said at least one leg.